

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding is made on 26th July 2017

between

VIGNAN'S FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH
UNIVERSITY, INDIA

And

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY, CANADA

PREAMBLE

Recognising the mutual benefits to be gained through a cooperative programme promoting scholarly activities and international understanding, **Nipissing University** and **Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology & Research University** will enter into this academic cooperation agreement. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to record formally this mutual interest of **Nipissing University, Canada** and **Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology & Research University** in exploring, for a period of 5 years following signature of this MoU, collaborative teaching, research, training and capacity building to address teaching and research opportunities in CANADA and INDIA, for the mutual benefits of both parties and in investigating funding sources to realise these opportunities.

Objectives

This cooperation (MoU) concerns the subject area of teaching collaboration and may include the following activities:

- a) Organising, promoting, staffing and coordinating long and short-term staff and student exchanges and other academic activities, provided that all participants are appropriately qualified and there are adequate financial resources.
- b) Facilitating and coordinating joint research cooperation and curriculum development.
- c) Organising seminars, academic interactive sessions, and other professional development activities.
- d) Coordinating special short-term academic programmes, including short-term seminars to introduce staff and students of the institutions to general cultural activities and other areas of specialised learning.
- e) Enhancing the capacity of the two Universities to carry out relevant research and to secure the required external funding for the same.
- f) Developing joint programmes Management Studies.

Under this agreement various Faculties, Departments, Centres and Units of partner institutions will be able to collaborate in areas that will be of mutual benefit.

This document constitutes the entire Memorandum of Understanding between the parties, and all prior discussions, agreements, and understandings, whether verbal or written are hereby replaced by this Memorandum of Understanding.

IMPLEMENTATION

Each University shall designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programmes. The terms of such mutual assistance and the necessary budget for each specific programme and activity that is to be implemented under the terms of this MoU shall be discussed and agreed, and written into a legally binding agreement prior to the initiation of the programme or activity and any such agreement shall be reviewed at agreed intervals.

Any proposals for programmes leading to a **Nipissing University, Canada** award wholly or partly delivered at the site of, or by staff of, **Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology & Research University** that may be discussed and agreed under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be the subject of a separate legally binding International Collaborative Agreement, to be signed prior to the initiation of the programme(s) and any such agreement shall be reviewed at agreed intervals.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, RESULTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Each party shall continue to remain the sole owner of all materials it contributes in any joint project. The parties will work together to negotiate appropriate licensing terms.

DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. This MoU shall become effective on the date that it is signed by both parties and shall be valid for 5 years.
2. Any changes to this MoU shall be subject to the written consent of both parties.
3. This MoU may be terminated by either party at any time provided that the party who wishes to terminate gives written notice of its intention at least three months prior to termination.
4. Nothing in the above MoU shall be construed as legally binding.

CONFIDENTIALITY

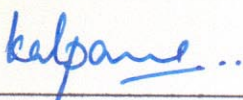
During the term of this MoU each party shall treat as confidential and shall not disclose to any person the terms of this MoU or any information or materials supplied or made available in connection herewith without the prior written consent of the other party provided, however the party may disclose such information as required by law or to its professional advisers. This provision shall survive termination or expiration of this MoU.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

The parties acknowledge the merits of positive publicity but they recognise that neither party should make any press announcements or public statement about the proposals in this MoU which have not been agreed in advance by the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective organisations, sign this MoU on the date as above written.

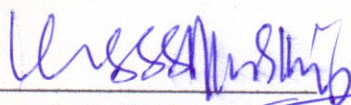
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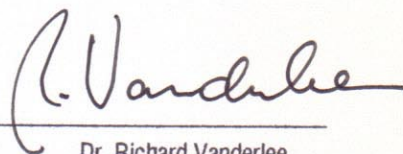
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